

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Charles F. Howard of Sugar Land, who
2 retired from the Texas House of Representatives in January 2013,
3 has rendered nearly two decades of outstanding service to his
4 constituents and to citizens across the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, First elected in 1994, Mr. Howard was returned to
6 eight succeeding legislatures by the residents of House District
7 26; he shared his expertise on a number of committees during his
8 tenure, primarily those concerned with environmental regulation
9 and land and resource management, and he chaired the local and
10 consent calendars committee in 2007; and

11 WHEREAS, Dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in Fort
12 Bend County, Representative Howard backed legislation that led to
13 the establishment of a local University of Houston campus and a
14 regional park in Sugar Land, as well as the Wharton County Junior
15 College Fort Bend Technical Center in Richmond; he also partnered
16 with other public officials to secure the expansion of the
17 Southwest Freeway and to improve facilities at Sugar Land Regional
18 Airport, an important asset to the regional economy; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Howard and his wife, Josephine "Jo" Howard,
20 arrived in Houston from Alabama in 1970, after having both worked on
21 the NASA space program that landed the first man on the moon; an
22 electrical engineer, Mr. Howard was on the team that developed the
23 first broadband system to handle data transmissions to and from the
24 spacecraft, and Mrs. Howard was involved in creating flight

1 trajectory plans; they married after he completed his master's
2 degree in business administration at Harvard University and have
3 since enjoyed more than 40 years together; the couple have resided
4 in Sugar Land for over a quarter-century; and

5 WHEREAS, From 1973 until 1986, Mr. Howard served as executive
6 vice president and operating officer of Sugar Land Properties,
7 Inc.; during that time, he helped develop First Colony, a
8 master-planned community with a population of around 50,000; he
9 subsequently served as president of Howard/Turner Company and as
10 executive vice president of Titus Construction Company; since 1993,
11 he has owned and operated C. Howard Company, a firm specializing in
12 real estate development; and

13 WHEREAS, In his tireless commitment to advancing the
14 well-being of his community, this esteemed public servant has
15 worked with a wide range of civic organizations; he has served as
16 president of the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce and as a founding
17 director of the Fort Bend Economic Development Council; he has also
18 held a seat on the boards of Wharton County Junior College, Houston
19 Baptist University, and the Houston Baptist University College of
20 Business and is a former director of Fort Bend Community Hospital
21 and the Fort Bend Museum; moreover, he has found time to coach teams
22 for the Sugar Land Little League and the regional YMCA; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Howard has garnered myriad accolades for his
24 legislative service and his commitment to conservative principles;
25 along with receiving the Leadership for God, Family, and Country
26 Award from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, he has been honored as an
27 Outstanding Legislator by the American Family Association and as a

1 Defender of the American Dream by Americans for Prosperity; in
2 addition, the Texas Association of Business has conferred on him
3 its Fighter for Free Enterprise award; and

4 WHEREAS, Blessed with a fine family, Mr. Howard draws
5 continuing inspiration from his wife, their two children, Julie and
6 Chad, and their four grandchildren, Ashton, Keaton, Ansley, and
7 Kinsley; a man of deep faith and conviction, he has benefited the
8 congregation at Sugar Creek Baptist Church as a deacon and Sunday
9 school teacher; and

10 WHEREAS, The considerable skill, energy, and dedication that
11 Charlie Howard has brought to his legislative and civic endeavors
12 have made a profound, positive impact on the lives of his fellow
13 citizens, and the effect of his accomplishments will continue to be
14 felt for years to come; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
16 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable Charlie Howard for his
17 notable contributions as a Texas state representative and extend to
18 him sincere best wishes for continued success and fulfillment in
19 the years ahead; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Mr. Howard as an expression of high regard by the Texas
22 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 757

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 757 was adopted by the House on March 20, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House